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THE CHOICETo Succeed Mouravieff, Re-  
signed.

## PEACE PLENIPOTENTIARY

Latter Resigned Ostensibly Because of  
Ill Health, But Really Because  
He Was Hostile to  
Peace.

Washington, July 13.—Ambassador Meyer reported officially to the state department today that M. Witte had been appointed chief peace plenipotentiary for Russia, in place of Count Mouravieff, resigned. M. Witte will sail from Cherbourg July 25.

## MURAVIEFF QUIT.

Chief Russian Peace Plenipotentiary Re-  
signs Commission.

St. Petersburg, July 13.—M. Muravieff has resigned his position as chief peace plenipotentiary.

It may be regarded as practically certain that he will be replaced by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, who all along has been considered the Russian statesman, pre-eminently qualified to undertake the difficult task of negotiating peace with Japan.

However, though the emperor, who on two previous occasions, flatly declined to accept M. Witte, has now indicated his readiness to make the appointment, the commission will not be actually signed until Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who throughout has been Mr. Witte's warm supporter, has had an audience with the emperor today.

To that extent only the matter may be regarded as unsettled nothing being certain in Russia, as a prominent diplomat remarked last night, until the emperor's signature has been affixed. M. Witte's selection will undoubtedly be hailed as a practical assurance of peace. While it would be a mistake to denigrate him as a peace man, M. Witte earnestly believes that the struggle should be ended and should be succeeded by an understanding between Russia and Japan which should ensure peace in the far East for half a century. Indeed, he is personally believed to be in favor of a Russo-Japanese alliance.

The conduct of the negotiations by M. Witte it is felt by the peace party here would inspire instant confidence in Japan.

M. Muravieff's retirement, ostensibly owing to reasons of ill health, is in reality due to the fact that the emperor became convinced that the negotiations might be jeopardized if he went to Washington. M. Muravieff himself upon consideration, quite frankly recognized his lack of diplomatic training and his want of acquaintance with the questions involved and with equal frankness expressed satisfaction that he had been relieved.

## ANOTHER RADICAL STAND.

Whole of Minister Boulougan's Project  
May Be Suppressed.

St. Petersburg, July 13.—According to a statement current here last night, there has been another radical change in the programme for a national assembly which will involve the suppression of the whole of Minister of the Interior Boulougan's project by one based distinctly upon class representation, a system against which the Moscow zemstvo congress took a stand.

This new project, it is said, will be considered in the council of ministers under the presidency of the emperor, reinforced by the grand dukes and a number of high court officials.

The emperor's conversion to the class representation project is attributed to the influence and party leadership of the landed nobility, the views of which were placed before his majesty in an address presented by Count Bobrinsky, president of the constitutional conservative party, and Count Sheremetieff, in behalf of what is denominated the "patriotic league."

Despite the popular idea here as well as abroad that Russia is ruled by the bureaucracy it is nearer the truth to say she is ruled by a small oligarchy of grand dukes and about thirty great noble families who have access to the court, and who make the bureaucracy their tool. With class instead of general representation they believe they can control not only the most of the nobility, who are extensive land owners, but the peasants who live on their estates. Thus buttressed, the bureaucracy will have to protect its own interests.

## BOUND FOR SEVASTOPOL.

Kniaz Potemkin Started in Tow of the  
Battleship Telesma.

Sevastopol, July 13.—In pursuance of instructions from the Russian admiralty, the Kniaz Potemkin is on her way here, having left Kustenji, Roumania, in tow of the battleship Telesma.

## RECEIVES NEW AMBASSADOR.

Russian Appears at Sagamore Hill To-  
day to See President.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 13.—President Roosevelt this afternoon received the new ambassador from Russia, Baron Roman Romanovitch Rosen, at Sagamore Hill. The naval yacht Sylph brought the ambassador down from New York, under the personal escort of as-

stant Secretary of State Pierce. After an exchange of felicitous speeches, which constituted the ceremony, Ambassador Rosen took luncheon with President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

## ELKS GO HOME.

Denver Is the Next Place of Their  
Meeting.

Buffalo, July 13.—Thousands of Elks, who have been attending the annual reunion here, departed for their homes this morning. There will be sessions of the grand lodge today and tomorrow, and then the Buffalo reunion will have ended. Denver won hands down in the contest for next year's reunion, having four hundred and ninety-four votes to two hundred and thirty-two for Dallas. It is estimated that 50,000 Elks marched over the wet streets yesterday. The day of the great procession dawned gray and threatening. Early showers seemed to portend a postponement of the event. About noon the skies cleared, strains of martial music were heard and as the columns moved the sun burst forth from behind the clouds, but not for long. The long march was made in a drizzling rain. The streets were lined with an eager throng that had to be held in check by wires along the entire line of march. Show windows were rented at a high price and seats in the reviewing stands sold at fancy prices.

The personal staff of Grand Esquire Phelps of Detroit were Col. M. Emmett Urell of Washington, D. C.; Champ E. S. Andrews of New York; James H. Walsh of Boston; Charles Berry of New York; E. H. Schaefer of Detroit; James H. J. MacNally of Philadelphia; Col. Applegate of Louisville and 20 members of the local lodge.

## SHOT TWO MEN.

John Woods Is Now Being Sought by  
the Police.

Schenectady, N. Y., July 13.—John Woods last evening shot Lawrence Dain, a farmer, and John Clark, who worked for Dain, at a place about six miles east of this city, near Smoky Tavern. Dain and Clark were brought to the city and placed in a hospital. The former is in a serious condition, but the doctors say he will recover. Clark is Wood's brother-in-law.

There had been trouble between the daughters of Woods and Dain and Woods went to Dain's house last night to talk it over. A quarrel ensued.

Woods ran to the house of Henry Leaman near by and borrowed a double-barrelled gun loaded with buckshot and returned to Dain's house. When within 40 feet of the two men, he fired first at Dain and then at Clark. Both men were hit with many buckshots. Woods ran back to the Leaman house and reloaded his gun. Coming out he saw Clarence Dain, son of the man he had shot, trying to drag his father's body into the woods, and fired at him but missed. Woods fled and has not yet been arrested.

## CANAL WILL BE SUCCESS.

Says President Roosevelt, Addressing  
Physicians.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 13.—President Roosevelt delivered a notable address yesterday afternoon before the association of physicians of Long Island. He discussed, in the course of his speech, the relations physicians sustain with the people of the communities in which they reside and the work to be done by the medical experts in connection with the construction of the Panama canal, declaring that, despite all difficulties, the isthmus canal would be a success. He referred to achievements of the sanitary engineers who cleared the cities of Cuba for the first time in 400 years and closed by paying a tribute to the services of Gen. Leonard Wood, whose career as a military officer, he said, was flouted by some critics because he once had been a doctor.

## TWO WERE KILLED

And Seven Injured by Explosion of  
Natural Gas.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 13.—As a result of an explosion of natural gas yesterday in the residence of Thos. Dillon at the corner of Fortieth street and Liberty avenue, Mrs. Garrett Dillon was killed and seven others injured. Two houses were completely wrecked and two others badly damaged. Of the injured, Thomas Dillon, husband of the dead woman, will likely die.

The explosion followed Mrs. Dillon's entry into the cellar with a lighted match looking for a gas leak. The property loss was small.

## FAMOUS BLOOD EXPERT.

Prof. Wood of Harvard, Witness in  
Tucker Trial.

Boston, July 13.—Prof. Edward S. Wood of the Harvard medical school, the famous expert in examining human blood, is dead at his summer home in Pocasset, after an illness of several months with cancer of the intestines. He underwent an operation in March.

Professor Wood was born in Cambridge in 1846, and leaves a widow and one daughter. He gave testimony in many murder trials, his last appearance in court being at the trial of Charles L. Tucker, who was convicted last winter of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston.

## OFF FOR PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

33 Autoists Left Boston This Morning  
on Their 1,000 Mile Run.

Boston, July 13.—The autoists in the 1,000-mile run for the \$2,000 Glidden trophy left Boston early today and are enjoying a spin along the breeze-swept highways to Portsmouth, N. H., 63 miles away. The first of the 33 cars to get away left at 6:05 o'clock, and the others followed at intervals up to 10 o'clock when the last one left.

BOTH MEN  
ARRESTEDArthur Cross of Montpelier,  
John Kanyan of Anywhere.

## CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Kanyan Gave Public Exhibition in Mont-  
pelier Last Night, Performing  
Such Light Feats as Breaking  
Granite on His Head.

Montpelier, July 13.—A man giving the name of John Kanyan and residence anywhere struck this place yesterday and announced that he would give an exhibition of various stunts on Haymarket Square last evening.

His residence is now in the county jail.

Kanyan appearing in tights and other gladiatorial paraphernalia, gave the exhibition as advertised, breaking pieces of granite over his head and performing other light feats. He then announced that he would take up a collection. "If you don't want to give me nothing, why don't," was his coaxing way of appealing to the 100 men who witnessed the performance. Thus far there was nothing very unusual about Mr. Kanyan except the tights and the stone-crushing performance.

A young fellow, Arthur Cross, who was employed in the bowling alley of Bascomb Brothers, became stage-struck with Kanyan and decided to annex him. He thereupon invited Kanyan to spend the night with him, in the room next adjoining Frank and Edward Bascomb. Along toward 3 o'clock this morning the Bascombs were awakened by a noise in the next room, and upon investigation they found Cross sitting up. He said he was sick. The Bascombs then thought of the money box, where they keep their money over night. The money was gone.

Without waiting for further ceremony they locked Cross and Kanyan in their room, and called the police. Both the men were arrested, and the police say that Cross weakened and told them that a part of the money was concealed in the mattress. The police got the money.

Both the men are charged with larceny. Cross will have a trial this afternoon.

## A SICKENING STORY.

Negro on a Fruit Steamer Killed Twelve  
People.

New Orleans, July 13.—A sickening story of murder, with robbery as the motive, was brought to this city yesterday by Capt. Hans Holm of the Norwegian frigate Bratten, which plies between New Orleans and Honduras points. It was subsequently confirmed by the officers of the fruit steamer Rosina which came in last night with additional details.

The island of Utilia, lying off the Honduras coast, was the scene of the tragedy, in which twelve lives were sacrificed. The captain of the little trading schooner Olympia, which carried a crew of four and nine passengers, including two women and two children, left the harbor of Utilia on the night of June 30.

After she had been under way less than an hour everybody was aroused by a shot, and, rushing on deck, found Robert McGill, a negro, shooting down the men one after another. After he had killed all but one of the men, McGill ordered the last survivor to go below and scuttle the ship. When the unfortunate re-appeared on deck and reported, the negro shot him dead.

He then put the two women, Miss Elsie Morgan and her sister, Mrs. Walter Rose, in the dory with Mrs. Rose's 6-weeks-old infant, and left the boat, steering for the mainland. On the way he killed Mrs. Rose and her infant. He then began shooting at Miss Morgan and wounded her in the arm. She jumped overboard and started to swim back to the island.

He fired at her ineffectually, but his ammunition evidently gave out, for he promised her immunity from harm if she would come back to the dory. She started back and when within an arm's length he struck her on the head with an oar, stunning her. Believing she was dead he rowed away towards the mainland.

Miss Morgan recovered her senses and swam back to the island, where she was thrown on the beach by the waves in an exhausted condition.

McGill was later arrested. Up to last Sunday was still alive although it is firmly believed that he will be tortured to death.

## 300 WERE DROWNED.

Chinese Were Witnessing the Dragon  
Boat Festival.

Victoria, B. C., July 13.—News has been brought by the steamer Empress of India, of the drowning of over 300 Chinese as a result of the collapse of an overloaded matchbox on the banks of the West river near Canton.

Outside Szu city, northwest of Canton, a large gathering had assembled to witness the dragon boat festival. Dense crowds flocked to a match held over the river. The structure gave way and precipitated all into the river.

A few saved themselves, but the others were drowned.

TO WELCOME  
"OLD HOMERS"Chelsea Committee Arranges  
Attractive Programme.

## WHICH COVERS SIX DAYS

Begins Tuesday Evening, August 15,  
With Reception at Town Hall —  
Closes Sunday With Ap-  
propriate Sermons.

Chelsea, July 13.—The programme to be observed here during "Old Home Week," has been arranged, and, it is expected, will be carried out as nearly as possible as follows, commencing on Tuesday, August 15:

At 8 o'clock p. m., reception at the town hall, which will be in charge of Mrs. Fred Lewis, who will be remembered by many former citizens as Miss Eunice Noyes.

Wednesday, August 16, at 10 o'clock a. m., ball game at Matoon park; at 2 o'clock p. m., Old Home Day exercises at town hall. The principal address will be made by the Rev. E. E. Harriek of Milton, a former resident and for many years the beloved pastor of the Congregational church. This address will be followed by speeches and reminiscences and at 8 o'clock p. m. in the town hall a reproduction of "Ye Old District School," by local talent.

Thursday, August 17, at 12 m., a basket picnic on the north common under the direction of the Ten Pin club. Everybody invited to bring their basket. At 3 p. m., coaching and bicycle parade under the direction of President E. D. Barnes; at 8 o'clock p. m., a good old-time social in the town hall under the direction of Mrs. Dr. Geo. Hilmer of New York, nee Miss Gail Hood, formerly of Chelsea.

Friday, August 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., automobile parade; prizes will be awarded in this parade and the coaching and bicycle parade of the previous day; at 3:30 p. m., ball game at Matoon park; at 8:00 p. m., at town hall, the Chelsea Dramatic club will present the "Convict's Daughter," which will be followed by a social hop. It is not known at this time what music will be in attendance, but it is hoped that the management will be able to secure Wilder's orchestra of Montpelier.

Saturday, August 19, local family reunions in various parts of the town.

Sunday, August 20, preaching at both churches by former pastors. The Chelsea Cornet Band will be in attendance Wednesday and Thursday to discourse music appropriate for the occasion. Everyone who can avail themselves of the opportunity to be here a part or throughout the week, will be assured of a good time.

## KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

First Biennial Session of Grand Lodge  
at Middlebury.

Middlebury, July 13.—The 28th annual and first biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor of Vermont was held in Odd Fellows' hall here yesterday, with an attendance of about 30 representatives. There were morning and afternoon sessions and the work of the lodge was completed at four o'clock in the afternoon.

At the morning session a general social time was had and the session was enlivened by stirring remarks from Assistant Supreme Dictator E. C. Wood of New York. It was voted to hold the next meeting which will be the second biennial one, at Rutland, on the second Wednesday of July, 1907.

The new officers were elected at the afternoon session and were installed by Assistant Supreme Dictator Wood. The officers are: Past grand dictator, W. H. Hancock, Jacksonville; grand dictator, William Withers, St. Johnsbury; grand vice-dictator, A. D. Ellis, Rutland; grand assistant-dictator, A. K. Carr, Middlebury; grand treasurer, G. A. Bond, Middlebury; grand reporter, C. L. Piper, Brattleboro; grand chaplain, J. M. Perry, Rutland; grand sentinel, L. F. Plumb, Rutland; grand trustees, O. H. Reed of Barre, W. A. Cunningham of Brattleboro, G. H. Coleman of Jacksonville; grand representative, W. H. Hancock; grand alternate, Jake Hegman, Rutland; finance committee, A. H. Abrams, John O. Stone, George Ward, committee on laws and supervision, Jake Hrosman, O. H. Rudd and George H. Crosby.

## BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

Young Man Tried to Jump from a Mov-  
ing Train at Middlebury.

Middlebury, July 13.—Densel Crannelly, a young man of 19 years, who recently came here from Pittsford to work in the marble mill of the Brandon Italian Marble company, had both of his legs amputated just below the knee by the train that arrived here last evening at 9:40 p. m. The train had pulled in at the station and set off on the siding to allow an excursion train to pass. After it had departed the young man, thinking that it would stop at the depot again, got aboard and as they approached the depot he saw that they were not going to stop so made an effort to get off and was thrown in such a way as to throw him under the wheels.

Medical aid was called and Drs. Noble, Eddy, Dorey and Martin, also the Rev. J. D. Shannon, arrived and cared for him. Piper & Goyette's ambulance was called and he was taken to the office of Dr. Martin. His chances for recovery are doubtful. He is an adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crannelly.

## THAT PAINT MATTER.

Alderman McKensie Makes a State-  
ment Concerning It.

Editor Times: We would like to have you modify the statement that appeared in your issue of yesterday relating to the city purchasing of paint from the firm of Sowden & Lyon, of which Alderman Sowden of Ward 2 is a member. It is a fact as quoted by you yesterday that no member of the city council can have any connection with any city contract and of this part of the report all we have to say is that the paint was purchased before any of the members thought of it.

The principal point we wish corrected is that the street commissioners did not report that the paint was no good for the purpose for which it was bought, but simply reported that the contractor, Mr. Crowley, said it was better adapted for roofs than bridges, and he recommended that some other paint be bought for the bridges, and the committee distinctly stated that they did not feel justified in purchasing some other paint without being duly authorized to do so.

We therefore ask you in all justice to Mr. Sowden to make this correction, as in your opinion it places him as well as the firm of which he is a member in a false light before the public. We would also say that we intend to use the paint in question on one of the bridges at least and test its merits.

Trusting you will see fit to publish this in today's issue.

J. J. MACKENZIE,

Chairman Street Dept.,

City of Barre, Vt.

## LOAN COMPANY

## DECIDES TO REORGANIZE

Shareholders of Connecticut Loan and  
Realty Company Elected New  
Directors Yesterday.

Hartford, Conn., July 12.—A special meeting of the shareholders of the Connecticut Loan and Realty company, called to consider whether the company shall reorganize and continue business or have a receiver appointed and wind up its affairs, was begun yesterday afternoon in Unity hall there. About 500 shareholders attended the meeting, and Chas. E. Gross of Hartford acted as chairman. Attorney General King explained to the meeting the receivership proceedings which were pending in court, and said that the court was reluctant to appoint a receiver if any other solution of the situation could be reached. It was for the shareholders to decide whether business should be continued under new management by the election of three new directors. The receivership was asked for, he said, not because of the company's insolvency, but because of bad management. A long discussion followed the remarks of the attorney general.

The shareholders finally decided on a reorganization of the company. At today's meeting these directors were elected: Arthur W. Rice, New Britain; John F. Carpenter, Putnam; Thomas Kelley, Middletown; Noble E. Pierce, Bristol, and John H. Lucia of Montpelier, Vt. At a subsequent meeting officers will be elected and the affairs of the society will be conducted on a firm basis, it is believed.

Only a few of the 500 shareholders have opposed the plan of reorganization.

## UNION MEN QUIT.

Because Non-Union Plumbers Were on  
the Job.

Burlington, July 13.—All the union painters and carpenters employed on the medical college building and the Howard Opera House block quit work yesterday because non-union plumbers were engaged. This action grows out of the plumbers' strike, which was begun over two months ago and which is still in progress.

The work on these two buildings has progressed satisfactorily up to the present time. Union men have been employed and consequently there has been no trouble. The plumbing contracts fell to local concerns which have been affected by the strike and in order to do the work the non-union men have been employed. There was no evidence of a settlement of the matter last night.

## RAIN NO CHECK.

Heat Killed Three in New York This  
Forenoon.

New York, July 13.—Hard showers this morning failed to check the four days' heat wave which has settled down over New York, bringing deaths and prostrations by the score. Three deaths were reported before noon while the hospitals are crowded with prostrations. The humidity is even greater than yesterday with no relief in prospect.

## Still Hot in Boston.

Boston, July 13.—There was no diminution in the hot wave this morning. Good breezes are blowing but only bring in more hot air from the west and afford little relief.

## Finally Gets Her Certificate.

After three times failing, Mrs. G. H. Hanson, who passed the Vermont pharmacist examination with the highest rank ever given, has succeeded in getting a certificate from the New Hampshire board of pharmacy. She is a resident of Manchester, N. H. Mrs. Hanson passed the highest in her class in Rhode Island, and has certificates from Massachusetts and Connecticut.

## Denied the Motion.

New York, July 13.—Justice Davy in the supreme court today denied the motion of Abraham Humel and Benjamin Stunhardt to inspect the minutes of the grand jury, upon which they were indicted for conspiracy and subordination of perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case.

SMALL FIRE  
IN BAD PLACENational Granite Shed at Foot  
of West Street.

## DAMAGED LAST NIGHT

Efficient Work by Fire Department Pre-  
vented Spread of the Flames  
to the Neighboring  
Buildings.

The firemen made short work of a fire in a dangerous locality last evening when they extinguished a blaze in the National Granite company plant at the foot of West street and just off Granite street, with comparatively small damage done to the property which is owned by Mrs. Agnes Williams. There is a cluster of buildings in close proximity, and not many rods away is the Barre gas plant, so that, had the fire been allowed to get very much headway, there would have been a serious conflagration.

The fire, the origin of which is yet a mystery, was discovered by H. K. Bush, whose office is nearby. Mr. Bush went to Main street to mail some letters, and one returning to Depot Square saw a light in the National shed, in the end toward Main street. He thought someone was in the building with a torch, but as the light grew larger he decided to investigate. A nearer view showed him that the building was burning. He caused an alarm to be rung from Box 21 at Depot Square, at 8:05 o'clock.

The whole department responded to the alarm, and soon had four streams of water playing on the building. In less than half an hour the "all out" was sounded. The fire was confined to the office and polishing room. In the office were a lot of papers, etc., which are in bad shape because of fire and water, while in the polishing department there was considerable valuable machinery. This machinery, it is thought, was not damaged to any extent. The roof of the structure was burned and the interior, but the damage was all in one end of the building. The other part, occupied by P. J. Gordon and the Dewey Column Cutting works, was not reached by the flames.

The greater part of the fire was in the engine room, which leads to the belief that the fire started from the engine. Everything was in good shape when the engineer left the building at 5 o'clock, and Manager Frank A. Duffy saw nothing wrong when he was in the place about two hours later. Little importance is attached to the fact that several small boys were heard, after the fire, discussing the probability of being found out.

When seen this morning, Mrs. Williams, the owner, was unable to say what her loss will be. The insurance on the property was \$12,500.

## SAVED ONE WAGON.

From Burning Barn of M. I. Wheeler of  
Lower Cabot.

Lower Cabot, July 13.—The barn of Martin I. Wheeler was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon and barn and contents were burned. So rapid was the work of destruction that nothing was saved except one wagon although dozens of men were present in a few minutes. The horse which is quite valuable, was taken from the barn just before the storm began. The barn was in close proximity to several other buildings, and those were saved by the shower and hard work of the men.

Mr. Wheeler was in Montpelier at the time. The barn and contents were insured.

## BURGLAR SET FIRE.

Which Destroyed General Store of John  
O'Keefe in East Poultney.

Rutland, July 13.—The general store of John O'Keefe of East Poultney was burned at three o'clock this morning. The loss is \$2,500. An explosion was heard, and the door of the safe and of the store were found open, leading to the belief that the fire was due to an incendiary. All the books were mutilated. Nothing of value had been left in the safe.

## MORE CANDIDATES PRESENTED.

In Times' Quaker Ranger Subscription  
Contest.

More candidates appear in the Times' grand Quaker Ranger subscription contest this week, and more coupons have been received for Mrs. Preston in Class 4.

Class 2.

Mrs. G. McArthur, East Barre ..... 50

Class 3.

Mrs. Harvey Spear, Chelsea ..... 100

Class 4.

Mrs. Cora Preston, Marshfield ..... 250

Mrs. J. M. Southwick, Cabot ..... 50

Particulars of the contest on page six.

## New Deputy County Clerk.

H. J. Adams, a graduate of the University of Vermont and the Albany, N. Y., law school, and an honor man in both institutions, today began his duties as deputy county clerk at Montpelier.